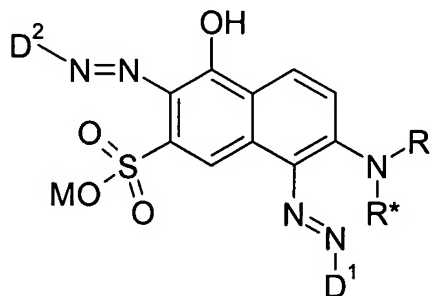


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

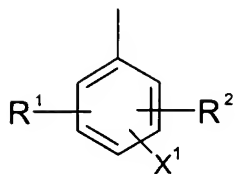
1. (Original) Reactive dyes as per the hereinbelow indicated and defined general formula (I),



(I)

where

D¹ and D² are independently a group of the general formula (1)



(1)

where

R¹ and R² are independently hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, hydroxyl, sulfo, carboxyl, cyano, nitro, amido, ureido or halogen; and

X¹ is hydrogen or a group of the formula -SO₂-Z,

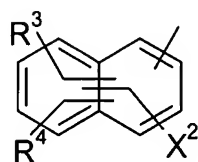
where

Z is -CH=CH₂, -CH₂CH₂Z¹ or hydroxyl,

where

Z^1 is hydroxyl or an alkali-detachable group; or

D^1 and D^2 are independently a naphthyl group of the general formula (2)



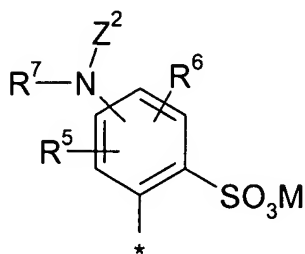
(2)

where

R^3 and R^4 are independently hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, hydroxyl, sulfo, carboxyl, cyano, nitro, amido, ureido or halogen; and

X^2 has one of the meanings of X^1 ; or

D^1 and D^2 are independently a group of the general formula (3)



(3)

where

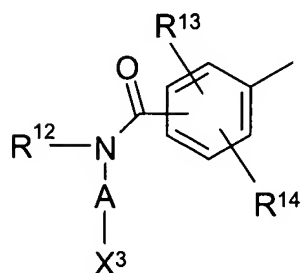
R^5 and R^6 independently have one of the meanings of R^1 and R^2 ;

R^7 is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, unsubstituted or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-,

sulfo-, halogen- or carboxyl-substituted phenyl; and

Z^2 is a heterocyclic reactive radical; or

D^1 and D^2 are independently a group of the general formula (9)



(9)

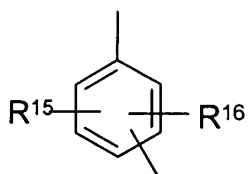
where

R^{12} is hydrogen, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, aryl or a substituted aryl radical;

R^{13} and R^{14} are independently hydrogen, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy, hydroxyl,

sulfo, carboxyl, cyano, nitro, amido, ureido or halogen; and

A is a phenylene group of the general formula (10)



(10)

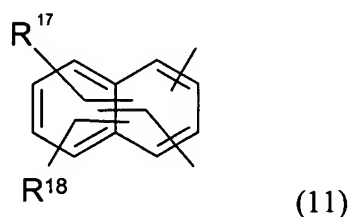
where

R^{15} and R^{16} are independently hydrogen, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl,

(C_1-C_4) -alkoxy, hydroxyl, sulfo, carboxyl, cyano, nitro, amido, ureido

or halogen; or

a naphthylene group of the general formula (11)



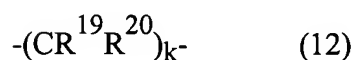
where

R¹⁷ and R¹⁸ are independently hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl,

(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, hydroxyl, sulfo, carboxyl, cyano, nitro, amido, ureido

or halogen; or

a polymethylene group of the general formula (12)



where

k is a whole number greater than 1 and

R¹⁹ and R²⁰ are independently hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl,

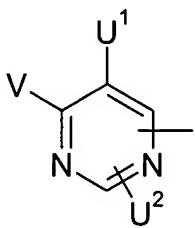
(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, hydroxyl, cyano, amido, halogen or aryl; and

X³ has one of the meanings of X¹; and

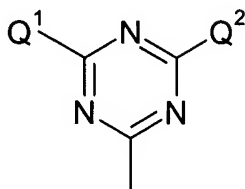
R, R* are independently hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl or sulfomethyl; and

M is hydrogen, an alkali metal or one equivalent of an alkaline earth metal,
with the proviso that the dyes of the general formulae (I) contain at least one fiber-reactive heterocyclic group of the general formula.

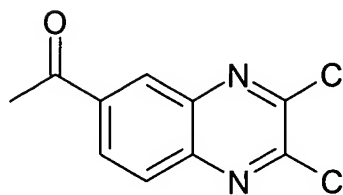
2. (Currently amended) Reactive dyes as per claim 1, wherein Z^2 is a group of the general formula (4) or (5) or (6)



(4)



(5)



(6)

where

V is fluorine or chlorine;

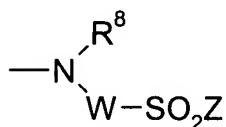
U^1 , U^2 are independently fluorine, chlorine or hydrogen; and

Q^1 , Q^2 are independently chlorine, fluorine, cyanamido, hydroxyl,

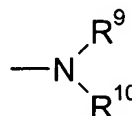
(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, phenoxy, sulfophenoxy, mercapto,

(C₁-C₆)-alkylmercapto, pyridino, carboxypyridino, carbamoylpyridino

or a group of the general formula (7) or (8)



(7)



(8)

where

R^8 is hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, sulfo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl or phenyl

unsubstituted or substituted by (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy,

sulfo, halogen, carboxyl, acetamido, ureido;

R^9 and R^{10} independently have one of the meanings of R^8 or combine to form a cyclic ring system of the formula $-(CH_2)_j-$, where j is 4 or 5, or alternatively $-(CH_2)_2-E-(CH_2)_2-$, where E is oxygen, sulfur, sulfo, $-NR^{11}$ where $R^{11} = (C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl;

W is phenylene which is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents, ~~such as~~ **wherein said 1 or 2 substituents are** (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy, carboxyl, sulfo, chlorine, bromine, or is (C_1-C_4) -alkylene-arylene or (C_2-C_6) -alkylene, which ~~can be~~ **is optionally** interrupted by oxygen, sulfur, sulfo, amino, carbonyl, carboxamido, or is phenylene-CONH-phenylene, which is unsubstituted or substituted by (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy, hydroxyl, sulfo, carboxyl, amido, ureido or halogen, or is naphthylene which is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 sulfo groups; and

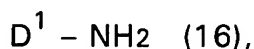
Z is as defined above.

3. (Currently amended) Reactive dyes as per claim 1, ~~per claim 1 and 2~~, where the substituents R are hydrogen or sulfomethyl and R^* is hydrogen.

4. (Currently amended) Reactive dyes as per claim 1, ~~at least one of claims 1 to 3~~, characterized in that the substituents R^1 and R^2 are hydrogen, methyl, methoxy or sulfo, ~~R^3 to R^6 and R^{12} to R^{20}~~ **R^{12} to R^{16}** are hydrogen and R^3 to R^6 , R^{17} and R^{18} are **hydrogen or sulfo** also sulfo, ~~R^7 to R^{10} are hydrogen or methyl~~, R^7 and R^8 are also **phenyl-hydrogen methyl or phenyl** and R^9 and R^{10} are **hydrogen, methyl** are also

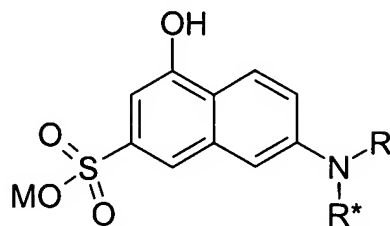
2-sulfoethyl, 2-, 3- or 4-sulfophenyl, or R⁹ and R¹⁰ combine to form a cyclic ring system which conforms to the formula $-(CH_2)_2-O-(CH_2)_2-$.

5. (Currently amended) Reactive dyes as per claim 1, ~~at least one of claims 1 to 4~~, characterized in that Z is vinyl, β -chloroethyl or β -sulfatoethyl.
6. (Currently amended) Reactive dyes as claimed in claim 2, ~~at least one of claims 1 to 4~~, characterized in that Q¹ and Q² in the general formula (5) are independently fluorine, chlorine, cyanamido, morpholino, 2-sulfophenylamino, 3-sulfophenylamino, 4-sulfophenylamino, 3-(2-sulfatoethylsulfonyl)phenylamino, 4-(2-sulfatoethylsulfonyl)phenylamino, 3-(vinylsulfonyl)phenylamino, 4-(vinylsulfonyl)phenylamino, N-methyl-N-(2-(2-sulfatoethylsulfonyl)ethyl)amino or N-phenyl-N-(2-(2-sulfatoethylsulfonyl)ethyl)amino.
7. (Currently amended) A process for preparing dyes of the general formula (I) as per claim 1, ~~one or more of claims 1 to 6~~, which comprises diazotizing one equivalent of an amine of the general formula (16)



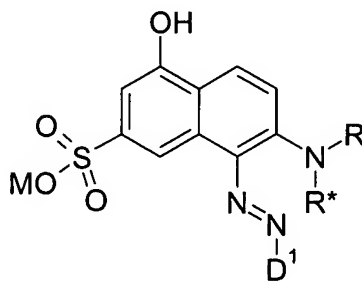
where D¹ is as defined in claim 1 ~~being diazotized in conventional manner~~ and the resulting diazonium compound being reacted in a first stage with an aqueous solution or

suspension of one equivalent of a coupling component as per the general formula (17)



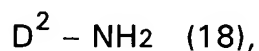
(17)

where R, R* and M are each as defined in claim 1, to form a monoazo dye as per the general formula (13)



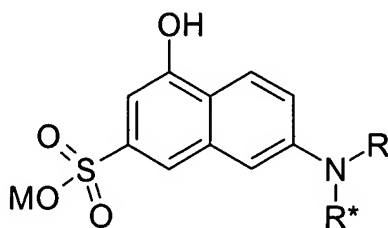
(13)

and subsequently one equivalent of an amine of the general formula (18)



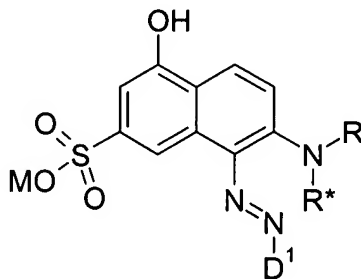
where D^2 is as defined in claim 1, being diazotized ~~in conventional manner~~ and the resulting diazonium compound being coupled in the second stage with the monoazo dye of the general formula (13) obtained in the first stage to form the disazo dye of the general formula (I).

8. (Currently amended) The process for preparing dyes of the general formula (I) as per claim 1 ~~one or more of claims 1 to 6~~ in the event that the groups D^1 and D^2 as per the general formulae (I) have the same meaning by two equivalents of an amine of the general formula (16) where D^1 is as defined in claim 1 **which comprises diazotizing and reacting** ~~being diazotized in conventional manner and reacted~~ in a first stage with one equivalent of a coupling component of the general formula (17)



(17)

to form a monoazo dye of the general formula (13)



(13)

and the second coupling to the disazo dye of the general formula (I) where the groups D^1 and D^2 have the same meaning being carried out subsequently.

9. (Currently amended) An aqueous liquid preparation containing a dye as set forth in claim 1 at ~~least one of claims 1 to 8~~ at a level of 5-90% by weight.

Claim 10 cancelled

11. (New) Reactive dyes as per claim 2, where the substituents R are hydrogen or sulfomethyl and R^* is hydrogen.

12. (New) Reactive dyes as per claim 11, characterized in that the substituents R^1 and R^2 are hydrogen, methyl, methoxy or sulfo, R^{12} to R^{16} are hydrogen and R^3 to R^6 , R^{17} and R^{18} are hydrogen or sulfo, R^7 and R^8 are hydrogen methyl or phenyl and R^9 and R^{10} are hydrogen, methyl 2-sulfoethyl, 2-, 3- or 4-sulfophenyl, or R^9 and R^{10} combine to form a cyclic ring system which conforms to the formula $-(CH_2)_2-O-(CH_2)_2-$.

13. (New) Reactive dyes as per claim 12, characterized in that Z is vinyl, β -chloroethyl or β -sulfatoethyl.

14. (New) Reactive dyes as claimed in claim 13, characterized in that Q^1 and Q^2 in the general formula (5) are independently fluorine, chlorine, cyanamido, morpholino, 2-sulfophenylamino, 3-sulfophenylamino, 4-sulfophenylamino,

3-(2-sulfatoethylsulfonyl)phenylamino, 4-(2-sulfatoethylsulfonyl)phenylamino, 3-(vinylsulfonyl)phenylamino, 4-(vinylsulfonyl)phenylamino, N-methyl-N-(2-(2-sulfatoethylsulfonyl)ethyl)amino or N-phenyl-N-(2-(2-sulfatoethylsulfonyl)ethyl)amino.

15. (New) A process of dyeing or printing hydroxyl- and/or carboxamido-containing fiber material which comprises contacting the reactive dyes as per claim 1 with said material.